

(19)



Europäisches Patentamt
European Patent Office
Office européen des brevets



(11)

EP 1 254 862 A2

(12)

EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION

(43) Date of publication:
06.11.2002 Bulletin 2002/45

(51) Int Cl.⁷: **C01G 23/00, H01M 8/12**

(21) Application number: **02009246.6**

(22) Date of filing: **26.04.2002**

(84) Designated Contracting States:
**AT BE CH CY DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE IT LI LU
MC NL PT SE TR**
Designated Extension States:
AL LT LV MK RO SI

(30) Priority: **27.04.2001 US 843519**

(71) Applicant: **AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS,
INC.
Allentown, PA 18195-1501 (US)**

(72) Inventors:
• **Cutler, Raymond Ashton
Bountiful, Utah 84010 (US)**
• **Richards, Robin Edward
Lansdale, PA 19446 (US)**

(74) Representative: **Schwabe - Sandmair - Marx
Stuntzstrasse 16
81677 München (DE)**

(54) **Ceria based solid electrolytes**

(57) The present invention relates to compositions of matter represented by the general formula



wherein Ln is selected from the group consisting of Sm, Gd, Y, and mixtures thereof; Ln' is selected from the group consisting of La, Pr, Nd, Pm, Eu, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu, A is selected from the group consisting of

Mg, Ca, Sr and Ba, $0.05 \leq x \leq 0.25$, $0 \leq x' \leq 0.25$, $0 \leq y \leq 0.03$, $0.001 \leq z \leq 0.03$, $0.05 \leq x + x' \leq 0.25$, $0.001 \leq y + z \leq 0.03$, wherein δ is a number which renders the composition of matter charge neutral. The compositions can be formed into sintered bodies suitable for use as solid electrolytes in devices including solid-state oxygen generators. Such sintered bodies have greater than 95% theoretical density at temperatures at or below 1600°C, and can be produced by a solid-state method.

EP 1 254 862 A2